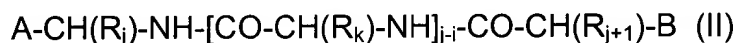


IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A vaccine comprising an immunoretroid form of an immunologically active peptide, said immunoretroid being a derivative of said peptide which binds to an antibody or an antibody fragment to said peptide with at least an equal affinity as said peptide; wherein said immunoretroid form is a retro-inverso peptide or a retro-peptide of a peptide, wherein said immunoretroid form of said peptide has the following formula II:



wherein

n, which is the number of aminoacyl residues in formula I, is a whole number from 3-1,000, and R_i , R_k , and R_{j+1} are side chains of the aminoacyl residues,

i, j and k are whole numbers

wherein $1 \leq i \leq j < n$, and

if $i=j$, $k=0$; and

if $i < j$, $i + 1 \leq k \leq j$;

such that,

where $i = 1$ and $j + 1 = n$, A is Q and B is M;

where $i = 1$ and $j + 1 \neq n$, A is Q and B is L;

where $i \neq 1$ and $j + 1 = n$, A is T and B is M; and

where $i \neq 1$ and $j + 1 \neq n$, A is T and B is L;

Q being selected from the group consisting of H-, H_2N -, P-HN-, $RR'N$ -, H_2NCO -, $RR'NCO$ -, RCO -;

M being selected from the group consisting of H-, -COOH, -COOR, -CONH₂, -CONRR' and -NHCOR;

L being $-CO-NH-CH(R_{j+2})-CO-\dots-NH-CH(R_n)-CO-Y$

wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR, -NH₂, and -NRR'; and

T being $X-HN-CH(R_1)-CO-\dots-NH-CH(R_{i-1})CO-NH-$

wherein X is selected from the group consisting of H-, P-, R- and RCO -;

wherein

R and R' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-25} alkyl, C_{3-25} allyl, C_{6-25} aryl, benzyl, 2-phenyl-ethyl, methyl-fluorenyl, glycolamide and benzhydrylglycolamide; and

P is a protecting group; and

and wherein said immunoretroid form is a retro-inverso peptide or a retro-peptide of a peptide selected from the group consisting of

FP peptide of serotype A12 of foot-and-mouth disease virus,

FL peptide of serotype A12 of foot-and-mouth disease virus,

SL peptide of serotype A12 of foot-and-mouth disease virus,

said vaccine further comprising a physiologically acceptable vehicle.

Claims 3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The vaccine of claim 2 wherein said immunoretroid form of said immunologically active peptide is bound to a liposome.

7. (Original) The vaccine of claim 2 further comprising an adjuvant.

Claims 8-14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A vaccine of claim 2 wherein R and R' are independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl and phenyl.

16. (Original) A vaccine of claim 2 wherein P is selected from the group consisting of tert-butyloxycarbonyl, fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, and allyloxycarbonyl.

17. (Original) A vaccine of claim 7 wherein R and R' are independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl and phenyl.

18. (Original) A vaccine of claim 7 wherein P is selected from the group consisting of tert-butyloxycarbonyl, fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, and allyloxycarbonyl.

Claims 19-25. (Canceled)